

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 43-46 without prejudice.

Please amend/replace claims 38-42 as follows:

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Claim 1. (canceled)

Claim 2. (previously presented) The battery cell of claim 32, wherein said cover provides a compressive force to said compressible stack of battery cell elements.

Claim 3. (previously presented) The battery cell of claim 32, wherein said receiving area is larger in one or more battery plate growth directions than said compressible stack of battery cell elements.

Claim 4. (previously presented) The battery cell of claim 32, wherein said receiving area is smaller one direction than said compressible stack of battery cell elements.

Claim 5. (previously presented) The battery cell of claim 32, further comprising one or more apertures on said battery cell structure for receiving a battery electrolyte.

Claim 6. (canceled)

Claim 7. (canceled)

Claim 8. (canceled)

Claim 9. (canceled)

Claim 10. (canceled)

Claim 11. (canceled)

Claim 12. (canceled)

Claim 13. (canceled)

Claim 14. (canceled)

Claim 15. (canceled)